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36856.550

•Comments:

Examiner Easthorn,

Please find attached hereto the following documents for the above-identified application:

- 1) Request for Reconsideration;
- 2) Request for Continued Examination; and
- 3) Credit Card Form PTO-2038.

If the attached response does not place the application in condition for allowance, please contact us to conduct an interview to attempt to conclude prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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| Application Number | 09/965,538 |
| Filing Date | September 27, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Takayo KATSUKI et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 2832 |
| Examiner Name | K. Easthom |
| Attorney Docket Number | 36856.550 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
- iv. ☐ Other:


2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

1. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

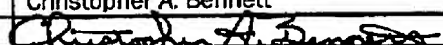
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-1353.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). 12/24/2003 AWONDAF1 00000008 09965538
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). 01 FC:1801 770.00 DP
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, please reconsider
the above identified application in view of the following remarks.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper for the convenience of the
Examiner. No amendments are being made by this listing.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.